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SUBJECT: ODDS AND ENDS

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. DOBRYNIN CALLED THIS MORNING WITH REGARD TO YOUR EARLIER DISCUSSIONS ABOUT CONSULTATION ON THE MIDDLE EAST. MOSCOW AGREES WITH YOUR PROPOSAL ON TIMING (I.E., AFTER YOUR VISIT TO MOSCOW), BUT PREFERS THAT THE CONSULTATIONS BE CONDUCTED EITHER IN MOSCOW OR WASHINGTON, RATHER THAN IN GENEVA. DOBRYNIN SAID THAT IT IS MOSCOW'S BELIEF THAT THE CONSULTATIONS COULD BE BETWEEN THE SOVIET EMBASSY HERE AND APPROPRIATE PEOPLE IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OR CONVERSELY BETWEEN OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW AND APPROPRIATE LEVELS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. DOBRYNIN SAID MOSCOW WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR OPINION ON THIS PROPOSAL.

2. MILLIE IS STANDING BY TO TYPE ON SUNDAY MORNING.

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3. MCNAMARA IS SET UP FOR BREAKFAST ON MONDAY AT 8:00 A.M.

4. I TALKED TO GWERTZMAN PER YOUR INSTRUCTIONS. AS I TOLD YOU LATER ON THE 'PHONE, HE IS STILL NOT TOTALLY CONVINCED.

5. CHUCK ROBINSON AND I DECIDED TO HIRE JOAN BRADEN AS STATE DEPARTMENT'S CONSUMER AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE, A NEW POSITION CREATED IN RESPONSE TO WHITE HOUSE REQUEST AND RESPONSIBLE DIRECTLY TO CHUCK ROBINSON. MAXINE CHESHIRE HAS GOTTEN HOLD OF THIS AND IS TRYING TO MAKE A BIG THING OF IT. THE NEW YORK TIMES AND STAR ARE ALSO INTERESTED. I HAVE TOLD EVERYONE WHO HAS CALLED THAT BRADEN WAS ONE OF SEVERAL PEOPLE INTERVIEWED BY ROBINSON, THAT ROBINSON CHOSE HER, AND THAT I APPROVED HIS CHOICE. I HAVE ALSO SAID THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE YOU KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE UPCOMING APPOINTMENT. MAXINE CHESHIRE HAS ALSO IMPLIED THAT PERHAPS ROCKEFELLER HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT. I HAVE DENIED THIS AS WELL. THIS WILL BE A 48-HOUR FUROR, BUT I THINK WE HAVE KEPT YOU OUT OF IT.

6. SOME TIME AGO YOU APPROVED AN IO RECOMMENDATION THAT WE HOLD UP ON APPOINTING AMBASSADORS TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND TO SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE (IN RETRIBUTION FOR THEIR VOTES IN THE UNGA ON KOREA). THE IO RECOMMENDATION TO YOU WAS MADE WITHOUT ANY CONSULTATION WITH CAROL LAISE OR ME AND CONSEQUENTLY NEITHER ONE OF US KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT IT. THE REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FOR A MR. FAY (A TEXAN CLOSE TO THE PRESIDENT) HAS LONG BEEN IN THE WORKS; WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO'S AGREEMENT FOR HIS APPOINTMENT. THE SAME APPLIES TO SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE. THUS WE ARE IN THE EMBARRASSING POSITION OF HAVING DONE WITH THE RIGHT HAND WHAT THE LEFT HAND HAD DECIDED OUGHT NOT BE DONE. I FRANKLY THINK THE WHOLE POINT HAS NOW BEEN LOST AND THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT YOU AUTHORIZE ME TO GO AHEAD WITH THE FORMAL NOMINATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE TWO AMBASSADORS INVOLVED.

7. I HAVE TALKED TO MAYER MATALON WHO WAS IMMEDIATELY GOING TO SEE MANLEY "IN THE HILLS." MATALON SAID HE WOULD

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GET BACK TO ME AS SOON AS HE COULD BUT IT WILL PROBABLY BE SEVERAL MORE HOURS. I WILL LET YOU KNOW ONCE I HAVE TALKED TO HIM. ROBINSON

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